

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION TASK FORCE

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

A meeting of the General Membership of the Brown County Fire Investigation Task Force was held on March 4, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at Suamico Fire Station #2, 2323 Northwood Road, Suamico, WI.

Present: Dan Kerkhoff, Tom Hendricks, Doug Peters, Greg Steenbock, Beau Liebman, Norman Heraly, Kevin Tielens, Chris Heil, Joe Gabe, Jim Stupka, Dave Seidl, James Styczynski, Brian Killinger, Dennis Skalitzky, Brian Jarosinski, Larry Wilson, Glenn Deviley, Terry Rottier, Brad Muller

Excused: Natalia Sidon

Item #1. Adoption of Agenda.

Motion was made by Kerkhoff and seconded by Deviley to adopt the agenda. **Motion carried.**

Item #2. Review Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion made by Wilson and seconded by Hendricks to approve the minutes from December 2009. **Motion carried.**

Item #3. Report of Task Force Activities.

Muller reported that the fire investigation unit was called out to the following fires since the last meeting:

12-06-09 2401 Memorial Dr., Howard (residential/accident)
01-16-10 4560 Humboldt Rd., New Franken (residential/undetermined)
01-17-10 836 Kellogg St., Green Bay (multi-family/undetermined)
01-25-10 2110 Center St., Ashwaubenon (residential/undetermined)
02-02-10 1326 Parkview Rd., Ashwaubenon (business/under investigation)
02-21-10 3034 Kunesh Rd., Pittsfield (residential/under investigation)

Item #4. Information from Board of Directors Meeting.

The next board meeting is March 18, 2010.

Item #5. Old Business.

Muller informed to let him know of any ideas for equipment and give any training ideas to Deviley. A digital recorder and cordless saw were mentioned for equipment.

Item #6. New Business.

Muller gave the 2009 yearly report. He stated that there were a total of 28 calls that the fire investigation unit went out on. Of that total, 15 were accidental, 10 were arson, 2 were undetermined, and 1 is under investigation. Two involved fatalities. He stated that from the budget, \$7,058 was spent on equipment, \$4,824 on training, \$11,830 on fire call reimbursement, and \$1,874 on meetings—leaving a balance of \$4,414.

The \$5 dues for 2010 are due.

In reference to the letter sent out by the board encouraging members to take the IAAI fire investigation technician certification course, it is still available on the website. The course is free, but the test has a fee, which would possibly be paid for out of the task force's budget.

The spring IAAI conference is June 8-10, 2010, in Stevens Point.

New equipment purchased for the truck includes handheld lights, a Honda generator with light, a Toughbook laptop, two dozen blood-taking/flammables kits, and Tyvek suits.

Item #7. Juvenile Firesetter Business.

Nick Craig was not present. Nothing new to report.

Item #8. Other Matters.

A house on Nicolet in Green Bay is available to be burned for training exercise.

Muller had an informational bulletin reporting that Scottsman commercial ice cube machines have been recalled.

A committee was formed to start raising money for a replacement truck. The following volunteered to be on the committee: Steenbock, Wilson, Heil, and Muller.

Item #9. Set Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting.

The next meeting is set for May 27, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at Ledgeview Fire Station #1, 3700 Dickinson Road, De Pere, WI.

Motion was made by Steenbock and seconded by Wilson to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried.**

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Item #10. Training.

Training involved a demonstration on burning flammable liquids.

Respectfully submitted,

Marsha Laurent
Recording Secretary